

Wilburton connections open house!

TUESDAY, MAY 25, 2010
9:30 – 11:30 A.M. OR 3:00 – 5:30 P.M.
BELLEVUE CITY HALL, CONCOURSE
450 110TH AVENUE NE

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www.bellevuewa.gov/wilburton-connections.htm

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For more information, contact Service First 425-452-6800

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Wilburton connections



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You're invited to another Wilburton Connections Open House on May 25th

Come talk with the Wilburton Connections project managers about the **new 120th Avenue NE, NE 8th Street to Bel-Red Road project, the selected alternative for the NE 4th Street Extension project**, and other projects in the Wilburton area. For your convenience, we've scheduled two identical open houses at different times of the day:

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WHAT IS WILBURTON CONNECTIONS?

Wilburton Connections is a group of high priority transportation projects in the west section of the Wilburton area. Together, these projects support increased connectivity between Wilburton, Downtown Bellevue, and the Bel-Red area. They are:

- **120th Avenue NE Widening: 300 block to the 700 block** – Widens 120th Avenue NE to five lanes, two lanes in each direction with center-turn lane pockets from the 300 block to the 700 block.
- **NEW! 120th Avenue NE: NE 8th to NE 12th** – Funding for conceptual engineering to extend, realign, and widen 120th Avenue NE. More about this new segment can be found on page 3.
- **NE 4th Street Extension: 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE** – Extends NE 4th Street from 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE.
- **NE 5th Street Neighborhood Traffic Plan** – Mitigates future traffic into the Wilburton neighborhood on NE 5th Street from 120th to 124th Avenues NE.
- **NE 6th Street Extension: I-405 to 120th Avenue NE** – Conducts a pre-design analysis to extend the NE 6th Street HOV/Transit only connection from I-405 to 116th Avenue NE.

wilburton connections timeline

(This timeline is an estimate. Completion of each stage can take more or less time depending on funding and other factors).

		2009	2010				2011			
		Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
120th Ave. NE - 300 block to 700 block (segment 1)										
	Preliminary Design									
	Final Design									
	Construction Start									
120th Ave. NE - NE 8th to NE 12th (segment 2)										
	Preliminary Design									
NE 4th St. Extension - 116th Ave. NE to 120th Ave. NE										
	Preliminary Design									
	Final Design									
	Construction Start									
NE 5th St. Neighborhood Traffic Assessment										
	Alternative Development									
	Preliminary Design									
	Final Design & Construction to be completed with NE 4th St.									
NE 6th St. Extension - I-405 to 120th Ave. NE										
	Preliminary Design									
Funding										
	Development of Additional Funding Opportunities									
	LID Formation									
Public Involvement Open Houses										

– Preliminary Design

– Final Design

– Construction Start

– Funding Strategies

– Public Involvement Open House

(Additional project level opportunities ongoing)

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How are we funding the Wilburton Connections projects?

In January 2009, the City Council endorsed the Mobility and Infrastructure Initiative, and put in place high priority transportation projects and other investments to be funded over a 10-year period. This work plan includes the Wilburton Connections projects and was the product of extensive Council discussions centered on funding projects to ensure enough multi-modal capacity is put into place to support current and future growth and to mitigate increasing congestion. The financing plan for Wilburton Connections project calls for a variety of funding sources including property tax increase, state and federal grants, transportation impact fees and a Local Improvement District (LID).

The city is currently evaluating the possibility of forming an LID that includes the NE 4th Extension and 120th Avenue NE projects. A Local Improvement District (LID) is a financing method used to pay for the design and construction of public works improvements, such as the expansion of street capacity, new sidewalks, water lines, sewer extensions or street lights. The LID process includes the formation of a narrowly defined district that consists of only those properties that gain a special benefit from the proposed project. The city then issues bonds to fund the design and construction of the improvement(s). Once the project is completed, the property owners in the LID district are assessed a proportionate share of the project cost, based on the special benefit received.

Do you have questions or comments about funding?

If you have any LID comments or questions, please contact Francine Johnson at 425-452-6967 or Fjohnson@bellevuewa.gov or Paul Krawczyk at 425-452-7905 or Pkrawczyk@bellevuewa.gov. For more information about LIDs in general, please connect to http://www.bellevuewa.gov/pdf/Transportation/lid_faqs.pdf

WHAT HAPPENED AT THE MARCH 2ND OPEN HOUSE?

Thank you if you attended our first open house. We had 75 attendees sign in and many of those attendees filled out comment forms. The following is a summary of what we heard, a response, and a brief project update:

120th Avenue NE: NE 4th Street to NE 8th Street (Segment 1)

Open House Comments: The most prevalent comments we heard concerned the need to improve the NE 8th Street/120th Avenue NE intersection before widening 120th Avenue NE. Typical comments included was, “Look at doing the NE 8th and 120th Avenue NE intersection first.” and “120th should be punched through north of NE 8th Street.”

Response: Through recent public involvement, many residents expressed that they would prefer that work be completed on 120th Avenue NE north of NE 8th Street prior to, or in conjunction with, the extension of NE 4th Street from 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE. Recently, the City Council approved funding for 5% of the conceptual engineering work needed for the segment between NE 8th and NE 12th. (See below).

Project Update: We are continuing engineering design and are in right-of-way negotiations of Segment 1.

For more information, please contact Steve Costa, project manager, at 425-452-2845 or Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

NEW! 120th Avenue NE Improvements (Segment 2): NE 8th Street to NE 12th Street

In response to comments at the first open house, this new project has been funded for conceptual engineering to extend, realign and widen 120th Avenue NE from NE 8th Street to south of NE 12th Street with intersection improvements at NE 8th Street. The improved road will have two travel lanes in each direction with turn pockets or a center-turn lane. Bike lanes, curb, gutter, and sidewalk on both sides of the roadway, street lighting, landscaping, irrigation, storm drainage, and water quality treatment will also be added. The project will be coordinated with the 120th Avenue NE improvements south of NE 8th Street (Segment 1), and the widening of 120th Avenue NE between NE 12th Street and Northup Way (Segment 3).

For more information about the 120th Avenue NE project, please contact Steve Costa, project manager, at 425-452-2845 or Scosta@bellevuewa.gov

NE 4th Street Extension: 116th Avenue NE to 120th Avenue NE

Open House Comments: At the March 2nd Open House we had presented the following four alternatives for the NE 4th Street extension project:

- **Best Buy Alternative** – This alignment passes through the Best Buy parcel and removes approximately 10,500 square feet of the Best Buy building.
- **Mutual Materials/School District Alternative** – Northerly alignment passes through the Mutual Materials and School District parcels and connects with NE 5th Street.
- **Home Depot/Best Buy Trench Alternative** – Alignment goes under the BNSF railroad corridor in a trench between Home Depot and Best Buy and impacts both parcels.
- **Home Depot/Best Buy Surface Alternative** – Alignment passes between Home Depot and Best Buy at grade and impacts both parcels.

For a more detailed description of the alternatives, including graphics, check the project web site at: <http://www.bellevuewa.gov/ne-fourth-street-extension.htm>

There was no support for the Mutual Materials/School District alternative that connects directly to NE 5th Street and the other three alternatives had about the same amount of support. Some people said they don't want to see any of the alternatives.

Response: Extending NE 4th Street has been a high priority project because it will provide a critical connection between downtown, Wilburton and the Bel-Red area. It is expected to reduce traffic congestion and improve travel times. It's consistent with policies in the Wilburton/NE 8th Subarea Plan Update from 2008.

The city analyzed each alternative to determine the best one. Among the factors considered were: community comments, cost, roadway geometry, impacts to adjacent properties, economic viability, access to nearby properties, modifications to the BNSF railroad corridor, construction impacts, traffic operations, and compatibility with the long term vision for a future Wilburton Village retail area.

The **Best Buy Alignment** was selected as the preferred alternative based on the following criteria:

- Least number of parcels impacted by proposed roadway alignment
- Ability to modify the existing Best Buy structure for continued retail use
- Least overall cost
- Most compatible with the overall long term vision for the Wilburton Village area
- Community input



Project Update: The preferred alternative was presented to City Council on April 12th and April 19th. Council approved further funding to complete the final design work on the Best Buy Alternative. The project team is working closely with adjacent businesses, property owners, and private developers in the immediate vicinity.

For more information, contact *Marina Arakelyan*, project manager, at 425-452-4632 or marakelyan@bellevuewa.gov



NE 5th Street Neighborhood Traffic Plan

Open House Comments: People attending the last Open House raised concerns about the impact the Wilburton Connections projects will have on traffic safety and volumes on NE 5th Street and their desire to maintain the neighborhood's character.

Attendees expressed support for turn restrictions, partial or full-street closures, or no improvements at all.

Response & Project Update: A public involvement process is getting underway which includes forming a traffic committee consisting of staff, resident volunteers, and adjacent businesses. This committee will be meeting

throughout the spring and summer to review the traffic analysis findings and identify possible options to address community concerns. Proposed alternatives will be shared with the Wilburton neighborhood for public comment at a workshop this fall.

For more information, contact *Vangie Garcia*, project manager, at 425-452-6103 or Vgarcia@bellevuewa.gov

NE 6th Street Extension: I-405 to 120th Avenue NE

Open House Comments: We heard that this street shouldn't be extended until the NE 8th at 120th Avenue NE intersection is fixed. Equally, we heard that this would attract more traffic into the Wilburton Neighborhood, which residents would like to avoid.

Response: We have funded a new Wilburton Connections project: 120th Avenue NE: NE 8th Street to Bel-Red, which responds to this request. The NE 5th Street Neighborhood Traffic Plan's main goal is to keep additional non-local traffic out of the Wilburton Neighborhood.

Project Update: We are selecting a consultant to work on the preliminary design.

For more information, contact *Nancy LaCombe*, project manager, at 425-452-4382 or Nlacombe@bellevuewa.gov

